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How I Became famous as an Editor.

John Lamar was an editor; John was also my friend. Many were the discussions we had; for I always insisted that John's editorials were not spicy enough; that he was not radical enough; did not keep up with the spirit of the age; was a little "old fogeyish," in fact. And so these discussions invariably ended in some remarks like the following: "Now John, if I were an editor of the Uniontown Bugle I could make—well—at least as good a sheet as any in the State."

(That "well," dear readers, I will tell you privately, meant that I thought I could beat any man in the State editing a paper.)

I met John one day—in fact, that meeting is one I am likely not to forget for more reasons than one, as you will see if you will follow me through the following thrilling adventure, as Sylvanus Cobb would say.

I was hastening "down town" one day in August, my eyes fixed upon the pavement, my thoughts upon—but that's a secret even from you, reader—when John came rushing round the corner, and the by-standers witnessed a scene of "grand and lofty tumbling" that was not down on the bills. I at last succeeded in gaining my equilibrium and my breath, while John recovered his beaver, not improved, most assuredly, by contact with the dirty gutter.

"You're just the man I'm in search of," "Well, you succeeded in running against me quite soon enough for practical purposes," I answered, wiping the dust from my clothes.

"I tell you I was in a terrible hurry to see you."

"I think you was," I drily responded.

"I want you to edit the Bugle for a week; I have to go to C— on business."

This announcement would have taken away my breath had not the previous encounter already done so; for in an instant, imagination pictured the long "editorials," the spycy "locals," and the laughter-provoking "funnyism" that should render the next Bugle the *ne plus ultra* of newspapers.

I hastily assured John that I was ready to accede to his proposal; and following his footsteps, mounted three pair stairs to the sanatorium, where John wheeled around the big chair and thrust a pair of scissors into my hand, pointed to a pile of exchanges, and then rushed down stairs. I called to him, but received a reply from the second landing:

"You will find everything—ask the foreman; and his voice died out in the distance."

While I re-entered the sanctum humming "I am monarch of all I survey," I was settling my mind whether I should head my first "editorial" "Our Country is," "The Great Rebellion," or "French Interference," when "Copy!" sounded in my ears, and the "devil" spied grinning at me, evidently enjoying the start with which I had greeted the first sound of his voice.

I hastily cut out the first item which my eyes chanced to light upon, an anecdote of Charles V., and returned to my writing. I had hardly finished my first line when the door opened, and this time the foreman entered.

"We want copy for the inside," he said "the outside is already made up," and handed back the anecdote that I had just sent to the compositors.

I think I must have looked blank,—I know I felt so—for the idea that a particular kind of copy was required for a particular side of the paper was something entirely new to me. I hesitated a moment, took up a paper, and cut out an article headed "Our Country and Her Wants," not noticing that the paper was a rank Republican sheet, and the article one abusing the Democratic party in general.

I had hardly reached a paragraph in my "leader" ere another call came for "more copy," and so it was for the next six hours. The day, closed, but I could not say the same of my leader. Alas! it had only reached its fourth paragraph. And allow me to say right here, that was all it ever reached. I had the mortification of seeing the paper go to press without a "long leader" in my best style; in fact, there was not a line of my writing in its columns.

The chagrin which this thought caused was nothing, however, to what was to follow. I leave it to the reader to depict my feelings when, upon the damp sheet, I read the different articles I had selected. The first, as I have already said, was an article against the administration; the next an equally abusive one against the Democratic party, and a particular friend of mine, as the numerous stump speeches of last summer would prove.

There was a paper most intensely Republican (if one could judge from its contents) issued from a Democratic office. I laid down the paper, and as a sense of my ridiculous position over-balanced every other feeling. I burst out laughing; but my laughter was cut short by the entrance of the would-be M. C., whose countenance betokened anything but mirth, and a vision of horse-whips flitted before my mind.

"What's the meaning of this?" said the wrathful M. C., as he shook the offensive paper in my face. In vain I explained and apologized. He met me with the constant query: "Why didn't you read the article, or at least see that you cut it from a Democratic paper?"

"Sure enough! why didn't I?"

At last he closed his angry language by calling me a beautiful editor, which I considered, as Artemus Ward says, "a little sarcastic," rather a dubious compliment for a man who had all his life been criticizing other editors and lauding his own skill—albeit his untiring skill.

But my troubles did not end here. Wherever I went I was greeted with mock humility as "Mr. Editor," till he became most unendurable.

John forgave me, and still called me his friend, but even he occasionally harrowed up my feelings by allusions to the lengthy editorials I wrote and the great popularity I obtained as editor of the Uniontown Bugle.

When I hear a man criticizing an editor, I always wish that he could pass through my experience, and learn, as I learned, how easy it is to become famous as an editor.

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S. F. GREGORY.

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No charge for packages. Sold by **M. ELDRIDGE & CO.,** No. 4, South Wharves.

Send for circulars and testimonials.

ANALYSIS FOR

E. FRANK COE'S SUPERPHOSPHATE.

BALTIMORE, 67, South Gay st.,

September 26th, 1868.

REPORT

Of Analysis of E. F. Coe's Superphosphate of

Lime.

A sample of this, taken by myself, from a lot of about two hundred tons, which was brought into this market, was found upon analysis to be composed, as follows:

Of Biphosphate of Lime.....19.97

containing of Phosphoric Acid.....12.11

" Lime.....4.77

" Water.....3.03

Of Free Phosphoric Acid hydrated.....6.62

containing of Phosphoric Acid.....1.82

" Water.....1.82

Of Phosphate of Iron and Ammonia.....0.31

Of Sulphate of Lime hydrated.....40.05

" Sulphuric Acid.....18.63

" Lime.....13.04

" Water.....8.38

Of Alkaline Salts.....0.41

Of Sand and Animal Carbon.....1.52

Of Organic Matter, capable of producing

of Ammonia.....3.65

Of Water as Moisture and Loss.....15.87

BALTIMORE, August 3, 1868.

E. FRANK COE, esq.: Enclosed please find

result of my analysis of a sample of your Superphosphate of Lime:

This being such a superior article in every respect, I cannot refrain from expressing my

you upon such manufacture, which undoubtedly

ly will meet with great success. Wishing you

every success, I am respectfully and sincerely

yours,

[Jy 24—tf] **G. A. LIEBIG.**

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(CAPITAL \$1,000,000.)

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The large capital invested by this Company

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100 tons fine Bone Dust.

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EXCELSIOR.

Price \$70 per ton. Excelsior for sale low.

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